QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Control of food materials.

61. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table in a consolidated form the various rules and notifications actually in force on 1-10-1118 regarding the collection, keeping, transport and distribution or sale of all the food materials like rice, tapioca etc., produced in the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Additional Secretary to Government*): A Manual embodying all Rules and Notifications relating to food control is under preparation and will soon be circulated among the members of the Legislature.

Ration Cards.

62. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether ration cards for rice, paddy and other food materials are supplied by them to all citizens of the State:

(*b*) if not, the class of persons to whom such ration cards are supplied; and

(*c*) whether cultivators of paddy, to any extent, are supplied with such ration cards?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Rationing under the card system has been introduced in the Municipalities alone for the time being. The question of extending the system to non-Municipal areas also is under consideration.

(*b*) & (*c*) The ration card is directed to be issued only to those who depend entirely on Government supplies of rice or paddy.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether the term "those who depend entirely on Government supplies" exclude or include cultivators of lands?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It will include cultivators as well. But when the cultivators do not have enough paddy left with them they may petition to Government to that effect, when supplies will be made.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): May I know from the honourable member whether they have realised that the delay involved will increase the starvation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: There is no delay at all.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): May I know whether Nagercoil Municipality is included?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Arrangements are being made to supply cards to that municipality.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): How long will it take to issue cards?

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